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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Increased Intelligence Community Support to National Foreign
Language Training Programs

Thank you for your comments on the proposed Intelligence Community Foreign Language Training Committee. For the past few years the IC Staff has chaired the Ad Hoc Task Force on the Foreign Language Problem. Although this group was effective in identifying foreign language problems of intelligence community components, it never addressed the management of programs internal to those components, nor did it attempt to project intelligence community foreign language needs in the context of national level programs. The General Officer's Steering Committee for Foreign Language Training (GOSC), serves as an excellent guidance mechanism for internal DoD foreign language training programs. And that should not be changed or superseded. The need for an Intelligence Community--National programs interface, however, is not now being met by any consolidated community mechanism. The proposed foreign language committee is intended for this purpose: to identify foreign language needs for now and the future; to juxtapose these needs to the total national capability to produce linguists; to consider the demographics of the feeder population to a spectrum of intelligence requirements; and, as necessary, to communicate the importance of these needs and required supporting programs to the White House, the Congress, other federal departments and agencies, local governments, and the academic community.

The previous experience with an ad hoc task force assisted IC Staff principals in their determination that a new foreign language committee should be permanent, chartered, and at the DCI Committee level. Inasmuch as the U.S. population base will probably not become sufficiently multilingual to support all major intelligence community linguist requirements in the near term, we feel that it would be some time before the DCI would want to disestablish the subject committee. The importance of intelligence community foreign language issues in the context of total national programs is simply significant enough to warrant a DCI Committee.

The Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, DIA, NSA, Office of the DUSD(Policy), and Office of the ASD(Manpower, Reserve Affairs and Logistics) have agreed to the creation of the proposed Foreign Language Committee, the implementing DCID

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as drafted, and the decision memorandum to the Deputy Secretary of Defense. I am, therefore, proceeding to seek DepSecDef approval for the Committee as originally proposed, highlighting the Navy comments for Mr. Carlucci's consideration. If the language training committee is approved following these parameters, I know the Navy will actively support and participate in all committee efforts.



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